



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

Headteacher: Mrs Debbie Greenwood

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs Kelly Harrison

Newsletter 4 – 29th September 2023

EVERY DAY IS AN OPEN DAY

Selecting the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. To help you with this, we would like to invite you and your child into our school to discover what is truly special about our school and the education we provide.

Our informal guided tours take place during a normal school day, so you can meet our wonderful staff and children. Our Headteacher will take great pride in showing you around, giving you the greatest opportunity to see a school day in action.

To book a personal tour please contact the school office – 01254 53148 or email staoffice@cdarl.co.uk

Ofsted Good Provider

Norfolk Street
Mill Hill
Blackburn
BB2 4EW

Admission to Reception Class & Secondary School 2024

The online admission form for admission to Reception Class and Secondary schools in September 2024 is now accessible using the following link:- <https://blackburn.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/Parents/appsummary.aspx> If you have a child due to start primary school next September (born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020), please ensure you complete the online admission form. The closing dates are:-

Secondary Schools – 31st October 2023

Primary School – 15th January 2024

It is extremely important that these deadlines are met as it can affect your chance of being offered your first choice school.

If you are applying for your child's secondary school place, please read your chosen school's admissions criteria carefully as last year we had some very disappointed pupils and parents who did not get accepted into their first choice of secondary school.

If you do not have access to the internet please contact the school office to arrange an appointment to complete the application online.

Secondary School Open Evenings

Please find below details of the upcoming Open Evening Event for Walton Le Dale High school for year 6 pupils. Please visit the school website for more information.

Secondary School	Date	Time
Walton-Le-Dale	Thursday 5 th October 2023	More info to follow on the website

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS for September 2024

APPLY NOW



Primary school applications are open from:

4 September 2023 to 15 January 2024

Secondary school applications are open from:

4 September 2023 to 31 October 2023

WWW.BLACKBURN.GOV.UK/ADMISSIONS



If you need help contact the school admissions team:

tel: 01254 666605

email: admissions@blackburn.gov.uk

online: www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions



Afterschool clubs

Clubs have started this week. Lego club (Tuesday) is full but there is still availability on all other clubs. To book your child's place please contact the office.

All clubs finish at 4:15pm



CLUB	DAY	DATES	YEAR GROUP	COACH/TEACHER
Multisports	Monday	25 th Sept-4 th Dec	Y1/Y2	Sam
Lego	FULL Tuesday	26 th Sept-5 th Dec	Y3/4/5/6	Mrs Harrison
Multisports	Wednesday	27 th Sept-6 th Dec	Y5/6	Sam
Dance with BRCT	Thursday	28 th Sept-7 th Dec	Y3/4	BRCT

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening is fast approaching. This is an important opportunity for you to come and talk to your child(ren)'s class teacher about the progress they have made so far this year. To give you more time to discuss your child's progress, Parents' Evening will be held over two days, Wednesday 18th October and Thursday 19th October.

Please make your booking via our online booking system which is now live <https://staidanscofe.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

If you have any problems booking an appointment, please contact the office.

Y1 – Billy Project

On Thursday 5th October year 1 will be walking to the Billy Project to donate food to the local community. As you have already given permission for your child to go on local walks we do not need to request any further consent.

Outward Bound 2024



The residential trip is taking place from 18th March 2024 - 22nd March 2024 to The Outward Bound Trust in Ullswater.

This is open to years 5 and 6 children and there are still places available. If you would like your child to go please complete the electronic consent letter/form that has been sent out and pay the deposit of £40.00 via Schoolmoney by **Friday 29th September** to secure a place.

Years 1/2/3 DT Week



Years 1,2 and 3 will be taking part in a Design and Technology week starting on Monday 9th October. Please send £1 with your child so they can take home their finished product.

Harvest Donations



This year we will be celebrating Harvest in church on Thursday 5th October at 9.00am. Children are welcome to bring tins, pasta or rice in to school which will be donated to the food bank.

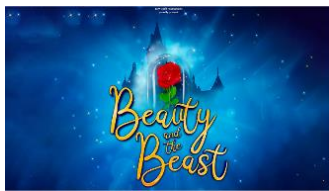
Children's University Membership

A letter has been sent out explaining Children's University.

If your child is not currently a member of Blackburn Children's University and they are in year 1 – 6 they can sign up now! Membership is free. Click on the link to register (<https://bit.ly/CUPassportSA23>). The deadline for signing up is Tuesday 3rd October. Further information has been emailed on put on Dojo.



Christmas Pantomime 2023 – BEAUTY AND THE BEAST



We have booked a trip to Blackburn Empire Theatre to see Beauty and The Beast Pantomime on Thursday 7th December , for our Reception – Year 5 pupils. The cost of this trip is £6.50 per pupil and is payable via Schoolmoney.

Don't forget we have split the payment into 6 instalments giving parents the choice to spread the cost over a period of time, making it more affordable. If you wish to make the payment in full

you can do so buy clicking on the '+' symbol against each instalment which will add a total of £6.50 to your basket.

Payment can be made anytime between now and 1st December.

Mental Health Support Group

The Blackburn with Darwen Mental Health support team are holding a parent/carer support group on Wednesday 27th September to talk about free online mental health support for children and young adults. For anyone that may be interested in joining this please see the information on the leaflet.



Parent/Carer Support Group

Kooth is an online and confidential service giving help and advice about emotional health. kooth.com

Do you have a child who could benefit from free online support for their mental health? We have a guest speaker joining us from Kooth to tell us what they can offer, how support is delivered and most importantly, how your child and their information is being kept safe online. Everything you wanted to know and the opportunity to ask questions. If you have any questions or would like a link to the meeting please contact rebecca.pickles2@elht.nhs.uk

Wednesday 27th September 6-7pm via MS Teams

Safe Personal Effective

Blackburn Mill Hill Community Fridge



SAVING OUR COMMUNITY £££ OFF THEIR FOOD BILL

Blackburn, Mill Hill
COMMUNITY FRIDGE

The Billy Project
Building confidence in women

Connecting the community and reducing food waste

Help us stop good food from going to waste
Open Mon - Thur 11am - 4pm
Fri 11am - 2pm

Where?
Unit 2 Fitness for Women,
Albert Street, Mill Hill,
BB2 4BL

Who?
Everyone is welcome to use this service

FREE FOOD for those referred in from service
£10 per month or £3 per bag for non referrals
Enabling residents and businesses in Blackburn to share surplus quality food that would otherwise go to waste and sent to landfill.

Working in partnership with:
unit fitness, hubbub, Marks & Spencer, Iceland, SPAR, Maggie's, GREGGS, farmfoods

For more information please contact: Leanne Procter
Leanne@thebillyproject.co.uk
07939832216



Blackburn, Mill Hill
COMMUNITY FRIDGE

How the fridge works:

- The Community Fridge is **OPEN TO ALL**. Our aim to make life a little bit easier for our community by redistributing good quality surplus food.
- X2 FREE bags** per week for people referred in from service
- X2 bags** per week only **£10 per month** or **£3 per bag** pay as you go
- Please take only what you need, leaving plenty for others. Carrier bags are provided. **It is not permitted for you to use your own.**
- Check out The Billy Project website and Facebook page for meal prep ideas and how to get the most from your food.

The Billy Project CIC & Blackburn Mill Hill Community Fridge are not for profit. All funds raised go towards the running of the project.

For more information please get in touch:
Leanne@thebillyproject.co.uk
07939832216

Little Lions

Do we have any budding footballers looking to start their journey in football? Little Lions can help children be active in an evening or weekend and help them achieve their potential in football. For anyone interested please see the poster below for contact information.

#WEARELITTLELIONS

START YOUR JOURNEY

3 - 9 YEAR OLDS
PRIVATE PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL COACHING

BOOK NOW! VISIT:
WWW.LITTLELIONS.CO.UK

EVENING + WEEKEND SESSIONS

BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN, DARWEN VALE
ACCRINGTON, ACCRINGTON ACADEMY
CHORLEY, SOUTHLANDS SPORTS CENTRE

St Aidan's church

October 23

Rev. Cath's Refection for October Homecoming

Last month I based my reflection partially on the England Ladies Football Team. We are aware that although they did extremely well, they were beaten in the final. Despite this many people wanted to acknowledge their achievement and went Heathrow to welcome them home, only to be disappointed. After a long journey from Australia and with no trophy to show they slipped out by a back exit. You hardly knew they'd returned. Certainly, there was no celebration, that was considered inappropriate.

However, not all homecomings are this low key. Over recent weeks, in my Facebook reflections, I've touched on the prophecies of Haggi and Zechariah, both of which focus on the return of the exiles from Babylon back to their homeland. An important part of their return involves the re-building of the Temple as a central point to worship God. The details of this project are told more fully in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah with an account of the worship and celebration that took place when it was finished.

On Sunday 1st October worship will once again be held in St. Luke's Church building. The building was closed for public worship on 1st July 2021 at the start of a major building project. Now I'm not suggesting that St. Wilfrid's Academy is the equivalent of Babylon; far from it but the homecoming service will be one of praise and celebration as God's people return to their spiritual home and everyone is welcome to the service. However, the ultimate homecoming for Christians is to our Heavenly Home. The end of the prophecy of Isaiah speaks about the forthcoming return from exile and the new heaven and the new earth. When writing to the church at Corinth St. Paul said, "While we are here on Earth we sigh because we want to live in our heavenly home". That's because, as Jesus observed, "We are in this world but not of this world". Many of our best loved hymns speak about our homecoming to Heaven. I have chosen words from two of them to finish with. In "Love Devine All Loves Excelling", it says, "Till in Heaven we take our place". And the "Old Rugged Cross" expands on this with the words, "Then He'll call me some day to my Home far away, There His glory forever I'll share".

This is a homecoming which is certainly worth celebrating. Amen

SUNDAY	DATE	TIMES	SERVICE	READERS
17th of Trinity	1st	9.30 11.00	Communion No service at St Aidan's, the service will be at St Lukes to mark the reopening	
HARVEST	8th	9.30 & 11am	All Age	Paula
19th of Trinity	15th	9.30 & 11am	Communion	Elaine
20th of Trinity	22nd	9.30 & 11am	Communion	Malc

SATURDAY BRUNCH
OCTOBER 7th
11am - 1.00pm

HARVEST
SUNDAY 8th OCTOBER we are having a 'Songs of Praise Morning' at 11am, with organ. We are going to decorate the church and any help or contributions of money would help.

CHRISTMAS FAIR NOVEMBER 18th

We need donations of : Christmas Gift bags, tombola and raffle prizes, bottles of drink, any item for Surprise parcels, teddy bears (second hand) Jewellery and chocolate.

100 CLUB

Thankyou everybody and especially Dorothy for running the '100 club', since January we have raised £400, this is amazing, well done

ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
94%	100%	100%	96%

Dates for the Diary

Harvest service in church

Y1 – Billy Project

DT week Y1/2/3

Parents' Evening

School closes 3.20pm

INSET DAY – School closed to pupils

School reopens 8.50am

Thursday 5th October

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Monday 9th October

Wednesday 18th October/Thursday 19th October

Thursday 19th October

Friday 20th October

Monday 30th October

Congratulations!

Well done to the following children for being chosen to receive an award this week:



	Stars of the Week	Headteacher's Award Winner Christian Values
Reception (Miss Rigby)	Alfie H & Laiyla	Charlotte
Year 1 (Miss Kay)	Mia & Arya	Amelia
Year 2 (Miss Brindle)	Ashleigh & David	Leighton
Year 3 (Miss Hunt)	Layla & Jacob	Freddie
Year 4 (Miss Yates)	Bruno & Reema	Paige E
Year 5 (Mrs Moss)	Lena & Leah	Ruby
Year 6 (Miss Cornall)	Raymond & Tilly	Yousif

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood
Headteacher